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South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department



ABOUT THE COVER

Real work experience — the best kind of training

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department believes that *"real work experience is the best kind of training"* and has proven — with its successfully rehabilitated clients — over and over again that it works.

To promote this concept the department has for years dreamed of being able to provide easily accessible, "hands on" rehabilitation services to all South Carolinians with physical or mental disabilities which kept them from working.

The department is realizing this dream through a network of community based centers which it now operates throughout the state.

Each center provides a comprehensive array of rehabilitation services.

Staff members evaluate the abilities of an individual with a disability, determine the vocational possibilities of that individual, come up with a plan for helping that individual gain employment through rehabilitation services, provide those services, and place that individual into competitive employment — the ultimate goal that the department has for its clients.

Through the classroom and work training clients get ready to rejoin the working world.

By watching clients perform in actual work situations, the department's staff can identify a client's assets, limitations and potential.

Local businesses and industries work as partners in these beneficial rehabilitation services by providing contract work opportunities for the centers, where clients are paid for the work they complete.

This partnership offers much to both partners — industry and the Vocational Rehabilitation Department. Industry receives quality work performed for a fair price and an already trained potential labor pool. The department receives industry-like training experiences for its clients.

However, most importantly, the clients receive "real world" experiences to better prepare them for the challenges of competitive employment.

In the cover photograph, clients of a Vocational Rehabilitation Center learn job skills and behaviors while manufacturing air assemblies. Each unit requires 20 assembly steps and must pass numerous quality control inspections. The Vocational Rehabilitation Center purchases all the material, manufactures the complete unit and ships the finished product.

COMMISSIONER'S LETTER

Dear citizens of South Carolina:

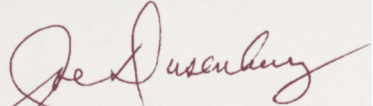
Calculations completed by the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, using figures gathered by the Rehabilitation Services Administration in Washington, D.C., showed that the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department once again ranked number one in the country in the number of persons with disabilities rehabilitated and now working per 100,000 population.

With the gracious support of the governor of South Carolina and the Legislature, the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department served 42,243 individuals with disabilities and rehabilitated 8,204 individuals with disabilities into gainful employment during fiscal year 1988-1989. The percentage of those closed cases involving individuals with severe disabilities (individuals with a disability or combination of disabilities which severely limit their ability to function in their employment and personal lives) became 62 percent.

The success of all our programs depends in large part on the support of the business and industry community in South Carolina. This community of employers, who do just that — employ persons with disabilities, also provides subcontract work for our centers, work that teaches work skills to our clients.

In return, the Vocational Rehabilitation Department offers rehabilitation programs for employers — employee intervention programs, for instance. In these programs a trained VR professional helps employees identify the physical and mental disabilities affecting their job performance and helps those employees explore ways they can correct those problems. In addition, VR staff members train the employers' supervisors and teach them to identify employees who may benefit from this program. (For more information about these specific programs and our relationship with business and industry in general, turn to page 12.)

We are proud of our partnership with the business and industry community in South Carolina, of our staff's work, and of our success in helping South Carolinians with severe disabilities become self-sufficient and gainfully employed.



Joe S. Dusenbury
Commissioner

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Photographs like the two on these pages appear throughout this magazine and feature successful South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation clients — people with disabilities — working.

Our thanks go to their employers for graciously allowing us to come in and photograph them on the job.

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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE AGENCY OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

The South Carolina State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation sets policy under which the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates.

The seven members, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate, serve seven-year terms. Each member represents one congressional district and there is also one member-at-large.



The agency and the governor appear together in the photograph (*left*) on page four.

(*left to right*) Joe S. Dusenbury is the agency secretary and commissioner of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

Harry W. Findley, from Anderson, is the 3rd Congressional District representative.

E. Roy Stone Jr., the agency's chairman, represents the 4th Congressional District and is from Greenville.

Carroll A. Campbell Jr. became governor in January of 1987.

Member-at-large Dr. H. L. Laffitte, from Allendale, is the the agency's vice chairman.

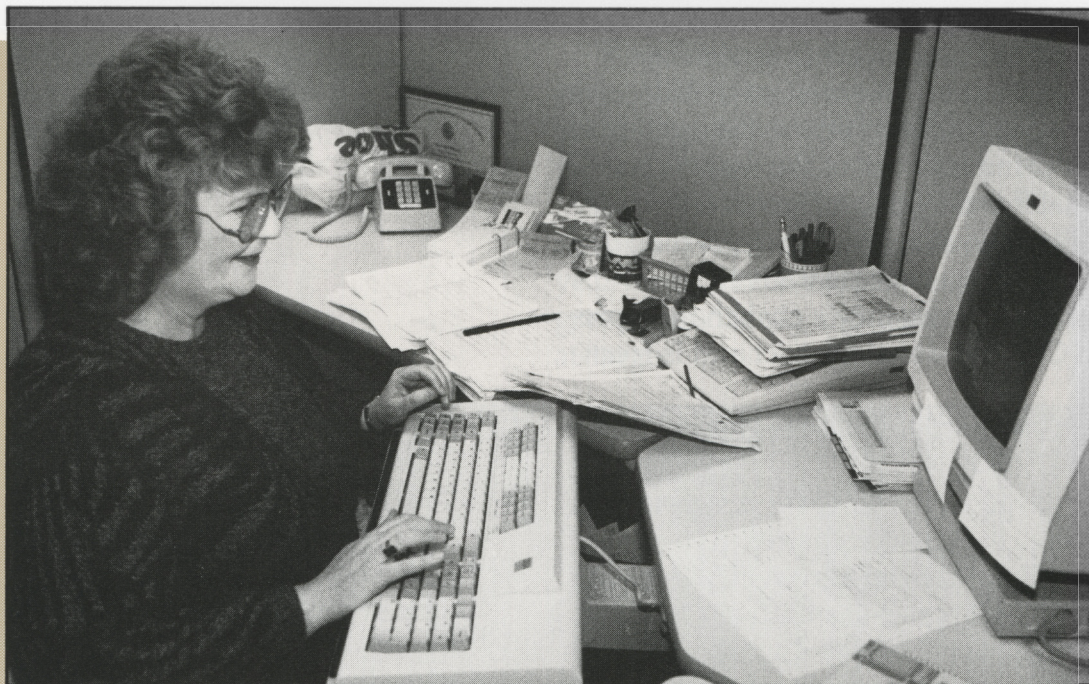
Dr. T. James Bell Jr., from Hartsville, is the 6th Congressional District representative.

Floyd Breeland, 1st Congressional District representative, lives in Charleston.

John A. Montgomery, who passed away on July 25, 1989, represented the 2nd Congressional District and lived in Columbia. (The governor has appointed Phillip J. Canders to represent the 2nd Congressional District.)

J. Hewlette Wasson, 5th Congressional District representative, is from Laurens.

THE WHOLE PICTURE



In 1927 the South Carolina General Assembly created, in partnership with the federal government, the first vocational rehabilitation program in South Carolina.

Since that time, the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department has progressed from an agency which primarily offered training for World War I veterans under the auspices of the Department of Education to a separate state agency under permanent agency status. The department now administers a comprehensive rehabilitation system which serves South Carolinians with a wide variety of disabilities.

Because of new advancements in medical science and vocational rehabilitation service

capabilities, many individuals benefit from services today who may not have been able to benefit in years past.

New technological advancements in the rehabilitation field — more modern wheelchairs, vehicle modifications which allow people with severe physical disabilities to drive, rehabilitation engineering services, muscular development therapies — all allow the department to serve people with more severe disabilities.

In fact, of the 8,204 clients rehabilitated in fiscal year 1988-1989, 5,124 were classified as persons with severe disabilities.

In all, the department served 42,243 people with disabilities in fiscal year 1988-1989.

A HIGH RATE OF RETURN



THE WHOLE STORY



Today the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates 18 area offices as well as many other specialized programs — all designed to provide statewide services to people with disabilities — services designed to help them find and maintain suitable employment.

The department also operates a network of rehabilitation centers which provide vocational evaluation and personal, social, and work adjustment training.

And, the department operates cooperative programs in numerous school districts and

institutions of other state agencies as well as two residential alcohol rehabilitation centers, Holmesview Center and Palmetto Center, and a comprehensive residential rehabilitation complex designed to provide muscular development, computer occupations training, vocational evaluation, and rehabilitation engineering services to persons with severe physical disabilities.

Finally, the agency also administers the Disability Determination Program of the Social Security Act.

A HIGH RATE OF RETURN

Every day the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department works to improve South Carolina's economy.

In fact, the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department helps South Carolina's taxpayers by turning tax liabilities into tax assets. Putting previously unemployed citizens with physical or mental disabilities to work adds new taxpayers — which adds money to the state's revenues in the process.

Each year the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department helps many South Carolinians with physical or mental disabilities get ready for and find employment.

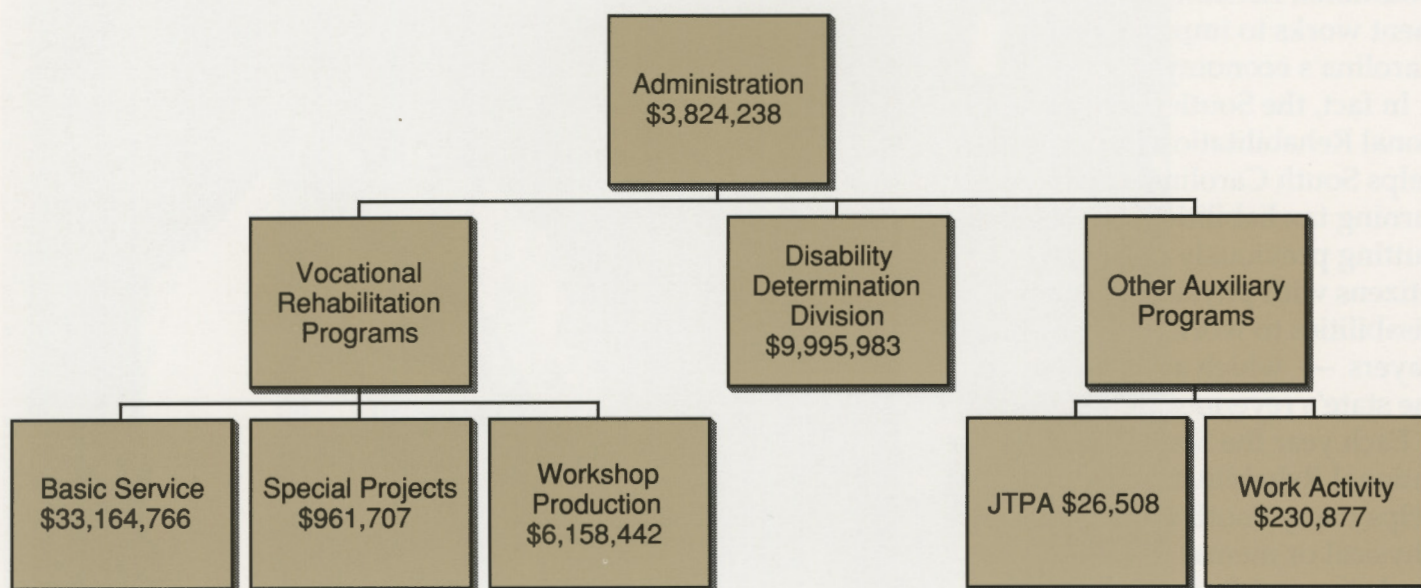
In fiscal year 1988-1989, 8,204 clients became employed because of the work of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

And, even though it cost the department an average of \$4,419 to rehabilitate a client, each client will repay the total cost of rehabilitation in an average of 4.9 years — while also increasing his or her earnings by an average of \$10.72 for every dollar the Vocational Rehabilitation Department spent.

Obviously, that's a good investment.



A COST EFFECTIVE PROGRAM



The total operating cost of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department during fiscal year 1988-1989 totaled \$54,362,521.

Of this amount, 93 percent, or \$50,538,283, was spent for "services to individuals" including counseling for clients, licenses for clients and the determinations of disability for SSA recipients.

The remaining \$3,824,238, or seven percent, paid for the administration of the department including administrative and clerical salaries, travel, communications, supplies, public information, rent, office maintenance, equipment, staff training and data processing.

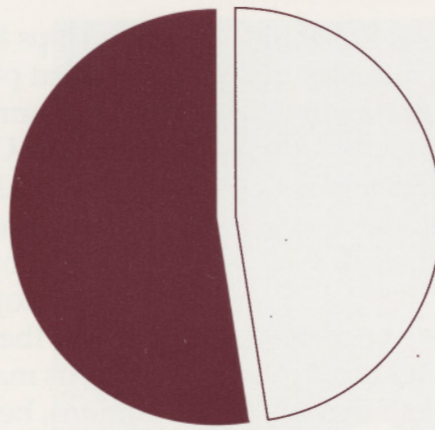
OCCUPATIONS OF THE 8,204 REHABILITATED

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department's program, a manpower development program, exists to help people with disabilities develop skills and work habits they need to obtain jobs in the competitive labor market.

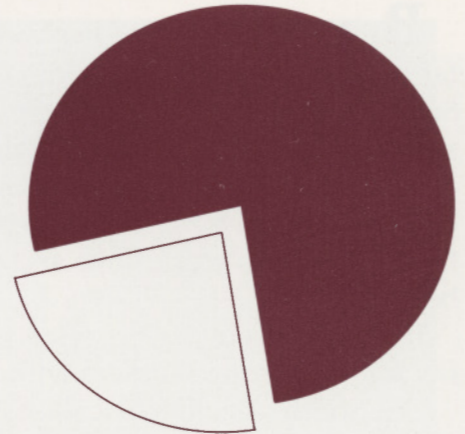
The Vocational Rehabilitation Department does not consider a client successfully rehabilitated until that client is gainfully employed.

A particular kind of disability may make it impossible for the individual to do certain jobs. Still, the Vocational Rehabilitation Department works to help the individual find a different kind of job but one that keeps his abilities, aptitudes and interests in mind.

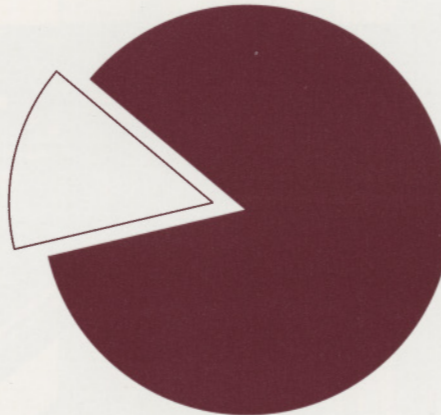
The Vocational Rehabilitation Department handles each job placement individually — taking care to match the client's skills with the employer's needs. The staff expertly matches client to job. They do not just fill job orders.



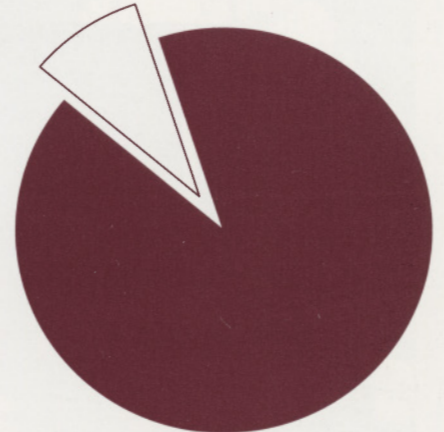
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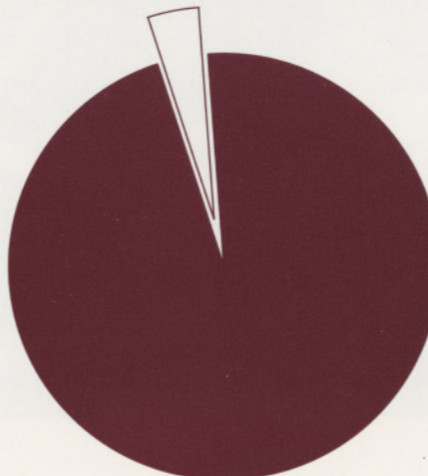
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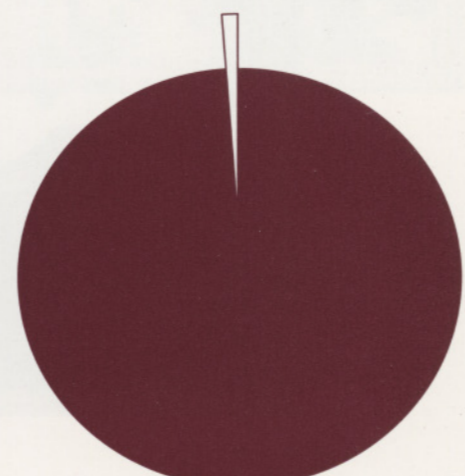
Clerical/Sales 1,246



Professional 708



Farming 297



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OUR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Both the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department and business and industry in South Carolina benefit from the close relationship that each shares with the other.

Business and industry get job-ready employees — employees who have received extensive training in both work skills and good work behaviors.

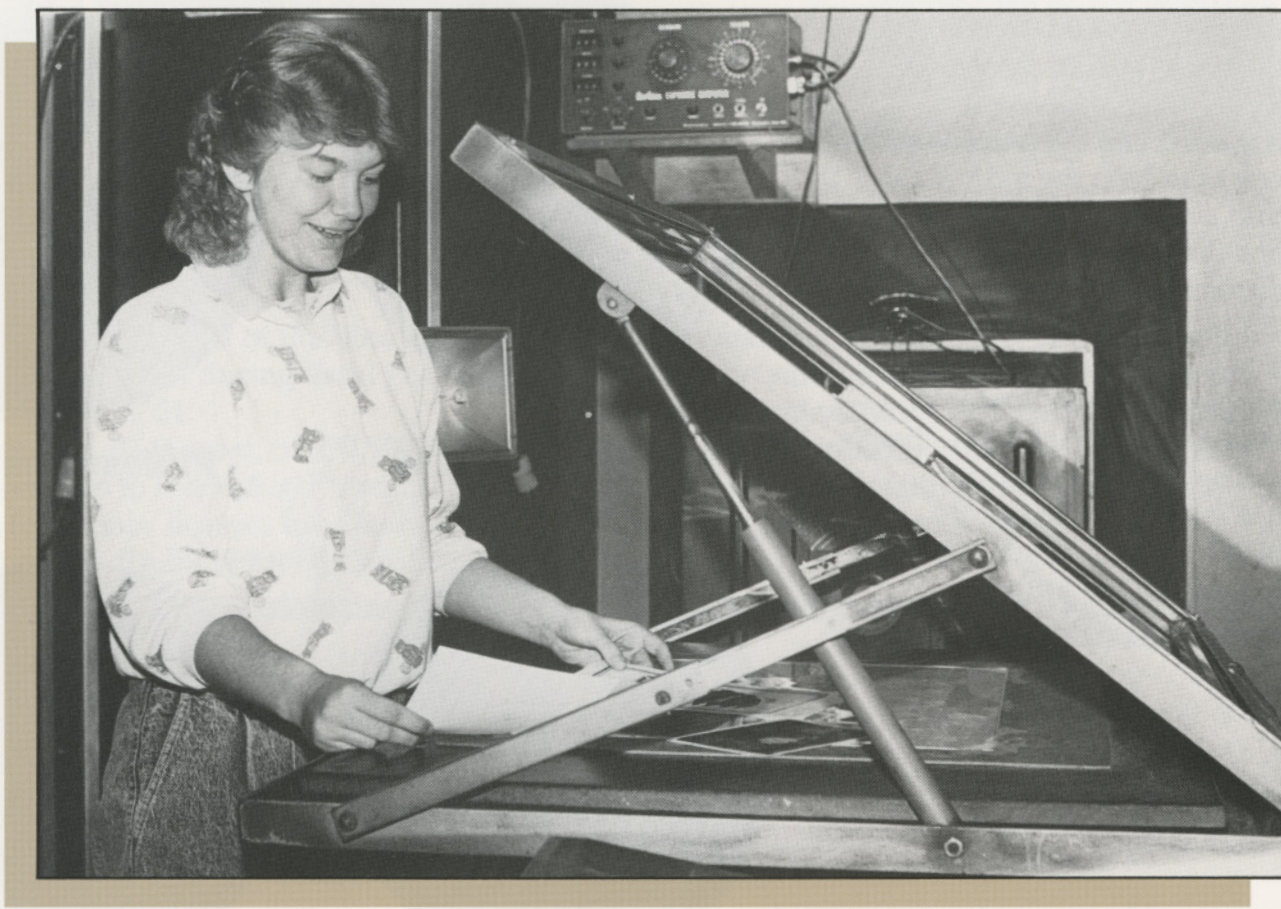
In addition, employers often receive tax benefits for employing workers with disabilities.

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, on the other hand, benefits from the contacts made in business and industry. Such

relationships help the Vocational Rehabilitation Department place a greater number of job-ready clients in permanent jobs in the work place.

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department also provides business and industry with the opportunity to offer their employees a special Employee Intervention Program.

This Employee Intervention Program offers employers the opportunity to help employees whose jobs may be in jeopardy because of their limitations, behaviors or addiction problems, etc. associated with their physical or mental disabilities.



The program works because it helps the employees identify those problems affecting their job performance and helps those employees explore ways they can correct those problems and improve their job performance — before those problems become too big for them to handle and result in their termination.

Other employers subcontract with the Vocational Rehabilitation Department by providing contract work to the centers for use in the "real work" training of individuals with disabilities.

These employers find that the centers' clients can not only perform the work required in these contracts but also that the work often exceeds their quality expectations.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department, on the other hand, gets to expose its clients to a real work environment during their training and rehabilitation. These clients learn how to be productive workers by learning about time cards, production tickets, lunch hours, communication with their supervisors, relationships with co-workers, etc.

More than 500 South Carolina businesses and industries currently subcontract with the Vocational Rehabilitation Department across the state.



OUR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY "HALL OF FAME"

Some of the businesses that have worked closely with the Vocational Rehabilitation Department in the past were honored by the South Carolina Rehabilitation Association at its 1989 annual meeting.

The following companies received business and industry partnership awards recognizing them for providing contract work to the following South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department rehabilitation centers:

Aiken VR Center:

- ☆ Mt. Vernon Mills (Riegel)
- ☆ Westinghouse Savannah River Site

Columbia VR Center:

- ☆ Allied Fibers
- ☆ C&S Bank
- ☆ Michelin Tire Corporation
- ☆ Shakespeare

Charleston VR Center:

- ☆ B. P. Oil Company Inc.
- ☆ Silkworm Screen Printers

Florence VR Center:

- ☆ L-TEC

Greenwood VR Center:

- ☆ Professional Medical Products
- ☆ Velux-Greenwood
- ☆ Westinghouse



Lancaster VR Center:

- ☆ Duracell USA

Rock Hill VR Center:

- ☆ Smith Enterprises

Spartanburg VR Center:

- ☆ Hoechst/Celanese Corp.

Sumter VR Center:

- ☆ Becton-Dickinson
- ☆ Bendix Corporation
- ☆ Edens Lumber Company
- ☆ Exide Battery Corp.
- ☆ Westinghouse



The following companies received a business and industry partnership award recognizing them for providing employment to clients of the following South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department rehabilitation centers:

Aiken VR Center:

- ☆ Gorham Bronze

Columbia VR Center:

- ☆ Lexington-Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council

Charleston VR Center:

- ☆ Charleston Naval Shipyard

Florence VR Center:

- ☆ Shelby Apparel Incorporated

Greenville VR Center:

- ☆ U. S. Postal Service

Greenwood VR Center:

- ☆ Southland Shoe Company

Laurens VR Center:

- ☆ Louis Rich Company

Marlboro VR Center:

- ☆ Southern Packaging

Rock Hill VR Center:

- ☆ Golden State Frame Company

Sumter VR Center:

- ☆ Bendix Corporation

Walterboro VR Center:

- ☆ ISI Dynamatic Incorporated

SERVICES FOR EVERY CLIENT

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department offers a wide variety of services — services which help prepare the client for employment.

Each eligible client has an individualized written rehabilitation program, a program of services tailored specifically for that client.

This individualized written rehabilitation program outlines rehabilitation services designed to reduce or remove the client's vocational handicap by taking into consideration the client's medical, social, psychological, and vocational needs, interests, and aptitudes.

To qualify to receive services from the South

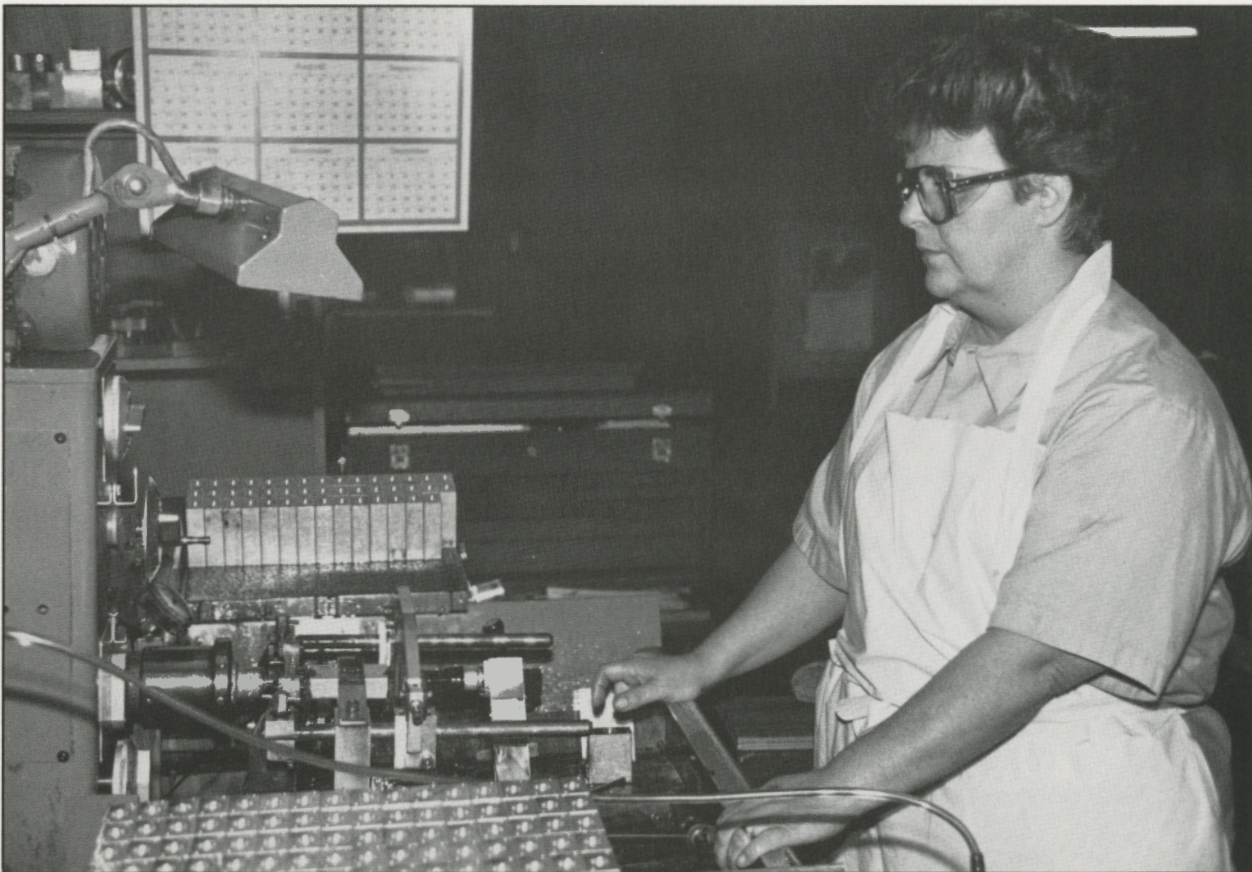
Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, a person must have a physical or mental disability which is considered a handicap to that person's future employment. Also, there must be reasonable expectation that with vocational rehabilitation services that person could be employed.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department provides each and every applicant with a complete evaluation, which can include a medical, psychological and vocational assessment.

These thorough diagnostic evaluations provide the Vocational Rehabilitation Department



OUR REHABILITATED CLIENT



with insight into the person's potential for employment. The evaluations also provide information needed to determine the nature and scope of services that person needs in order to become employed.

All eligible clients receive counseling and guidance, job development and/or job placement, an evaluation as to need for rehabilitation engineering services, and follow-up services.

All services contribute toward the client's job placement. The Vocational Rehabilitation Department does not consider a client rehabilitated until he or she begins working on a job suited to

his or her vocational capacities and physical abilities.

Follow-up services help ensure not only that the client's rehabilitation is successful but also that both the client and the employer are satisfied. The client's counselor remains available to the client even after that client begins work in order to provide assistance should any problems arise.

Some clients may require additional services prior to job placement like adjustment services, extra training, the provision of artificial appliances or other services.

SERVICES FOR EVERY CLIENT

The client may receive adjustment training, if necessary, in the development of social skills, job interviewing skills, job survival skills, coping skills, good hygiene, etc. These services help the client learn to deal with day-to-day situations and problems and learn to get along in the community and on the job.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department sponsors some clients' course work or special skills training through vocational schools, trade schools, technical schools, business schools, colleges or universities — when such course work equips the person with the skills needed to improve his marketability and if that person is

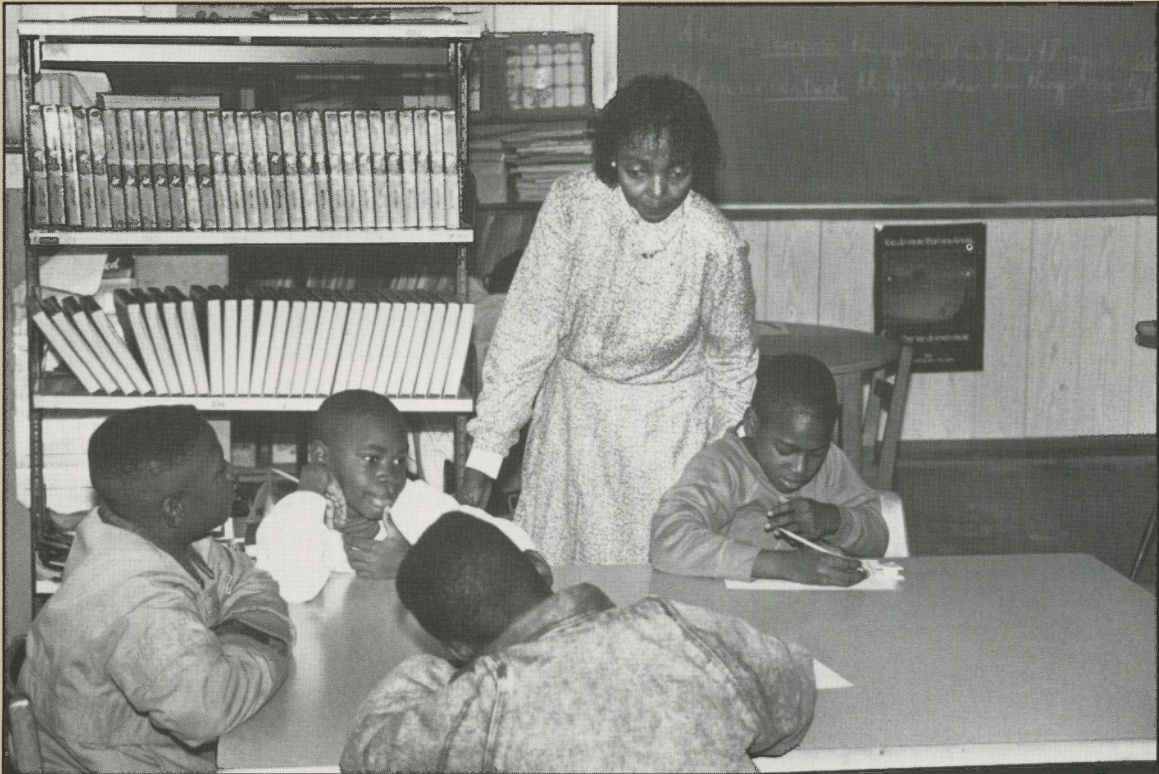
unable to obtain assistance through other sources.

If a client needs a wheelchair, limb, brace, hearing aid or other kind of artificial appliance in order to perform satisfactorily on the job, the department may help provide these artificial appliances.

In addition, the department may help some clients by providing other miscellaneous services. For instance, the Vocational Rehabilitation Department may help them acquire occupational licenses, tools, equipment or supplies if these services significantly increase their employment or self-employment prospects.



OUR REHABILITATED CLIENT



FISCAL YEAR 1988-1989

- 78 percent were unemployed at referral.
- 13 percent were in tax-supported institutions at referral.
- 56 percent were dependent on family and friends for their livelihood at referral.
 - 49 percent had less than a 12th grade education.
 - 22 percent were under 20 years of age.
 - 44 percent were between the ages of 20 and 34.
 - 34 percent were 35 years old and over.
 - 60 percent were male.
 - 58 percent were white.
 - 42 percent were black.

CENTER FOR COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS

Innovative services offered by the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department at its Center for Comprehensive Programs in West Columbia provide new opportunities for people with severe physical disabilities.

Here, for clients, a team of rehabilitation specialists administers thorough evaluations and provides services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, recreational therapy, speech and hearing services, psychological services, rehabilitation engineering services, adaptive aquatics, pain management, and inde-

pendent living services.

Center programs offer creative, realistic approaches to vocational rehabilitation.

The components which make up the Center for Comprehensive Programs follow: the Barrier-Free Model Home, the Comprehensive Evaluation Program, the Computer Training Program, the Independent Living Program, the Muscular Development Program and the Rehabilitation Engineering Program.

Barrier-Free Model Home

The center features a model home designed and built to demonstrate ways people with mobility difficulties might increase the accessibility of their homes.

The home's entrance, interior and patio are free of architectural barriers, while the interior demonstrates numerous features which make a home more accessible for people with physical disabilities.

For instance, the lowered position of the thermostat and all the light switches, the raised electrical outlets, added grab bars, and wide doorways are all part of the design.

Commercially available appliances, furniture and other devices have been carefully selected to show how easily an individual can make a home more liveable for someone with limited mobility and dexterity.

Comprehensive Evaluation Program

The nucleus of the Center for Comprehensive Services is the Comprehensive Evaluation Program. This program currently serves 18 resident clients in addition to the day clients also served by the facility. However, future plans for expansion will increase the capacity to 30 residents and allow the Center for Comprehensive Pro-



grams to more adequately meet the great demand for its specialized services.

In the Comprehensive Evaluation Program clients undergo intense vocational evaluation and the results of these evaluations lead toward the provision of other specialized services within the center.

Staff includes an adjustment specialist, a psychologist and occupational therapists — in addition to the vocational evaluators.

The program also houses a four-week residential/day Pain Management Program. Individuals who could no longer work or enjoy daily activities because of their recurring pain learn appropriate ways to manage that pain through medical management relaxation techniques, exercise and proper body mechanics. The success of this Pain Management Program is evident in the number of people who have been able to rejoin the work force and resume a more normal lifestyle.

Computer Training Program

Now in its fifth year of operation, the computer training program has evolved from its initial mission, to train people with disabilities to work as computer programmers, into a multi-faceted program which simultaneously trains people with disabilities in various computer-related careers. These careers include programming, computer assisted drafting and automated office occupations.

The program operates within a modern Vocational Training Center adjacent to an 18-room



dormitory for trainees from across the state.

An active Business Advisory Council, representing the public and private sectors, assists the department in screening candidates, selecting students, developing curriculum, evaluating student performance, and placing trainees in internships and permanent employment.

CENTER FOR COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS

Independent Living Program

For those people who are more severely disabled and for whom there is little expectation that they will join the work force, independent living services may help increase their level of independence.

A lending program provides walkers, wheelchairs, ramps and other aids to clients — increasing their mobility and independence.

The program often provides custom modifications to client-owned vehicles. These modifications can often solve transportation problems for people with special needs.

Special adaptive devices help individuals with disabilities reach, eat, bathe and dress. As a result, they significantly increase their independence.

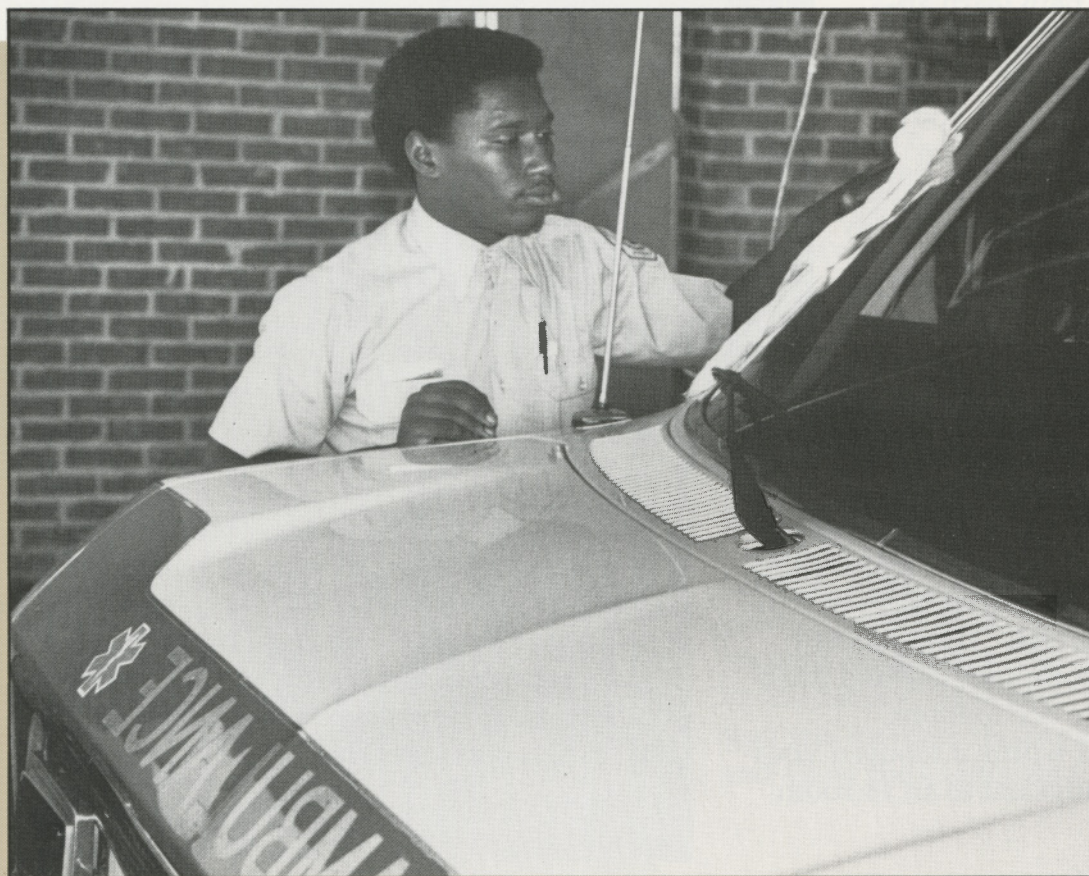
Muscular Development Program

This facility contains state-of-the-art physical therapy equipment, a therapeutic swimming pool, a well-equipped exercise area and a steam room which enable the Vocational Rehabilitation Department to provide a full range of aquatic, physical and recreational therapies.

Aquatic therapy facilitates movement and exercise for those who have difficulty exercising in the usual environment. Improvements acquired in physical function through aquatic therapy — such as increased strength, endurance, balance and ambulation — all directly impact on an individual's ability to handle the various physical requirements of a job.

Physical therapy directs its efforts toward maximizing an individual's physical abilities

through various exercise treatments. The facility's therapeutic resistive exercise equipment, which includes pulley weights, treadmills, exercise cycles and a 16-unit exercise station, all contribute toward increasing an individual's strength and stamina.





Rehabilitation Engineering Program

Many people who were once considered too severely disabled for competitive employment have new opportunities for adapting to their physical limitations through rehabilitation engineering.

A relatively new discipline, rehabilitation engineering addresses the physical barriers to employability encountered by people with disabilities by using a technological approach to

enhancing job accommodation, home accessibility and health maintenance.

Simple modifications to the job site enable people with physical disabilities to work.

Basic modifications to the home, such as the addition of ramps and the widening of doorways, help the person with a physical disability complete his daily routine.

In addition, rehabilitation engineering addresses health maintenance issues such as proper seating and body support.

REHABILITATION SERVICES

Center for Rehabilitation Technology Services

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates the Center for Rehabilitation Technology Services (CRTS) with funding from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, an agency of the U. S. Department of Education.

The center's purpose is to assess the need for, improve, and expand the application of technology-related services to persons with disabilities and to develop test models of delivery systems for rehabilitation technology services in South Carolina.

Public Offender Project

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department provides vocational rehabilitation services to the incarcerated public offender and to the ex-offender with a physical or a mental disability.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates this program in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Corrections and the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services in order to prepare offenders with disabilities for employment.

Public Schools Program

Through cooperative agreements with the Department of Education and local school districts, the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department provides rehabilitation services to students, with mental or physical disabilities which affect their ability to work, to help ensure

their effective transition from school to the adult work world.

At this time, all of South Carolina's 92 school districts have available one or more of the four components a comprehensive school program can possess: (1) a vocational rehabilitation



SPECIFIC DISABILITY TARGET PROGRAMS



abilities return to the labor market no longer needing Social Security benefits or Supplemental Security Income payments.

Vocational Rehabilitation Centers

The 18 community-based centers the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates allow the department to coordinate, develop and provide comprehensive rehabilitation services to South Carolinians with disabilities in their own communities.

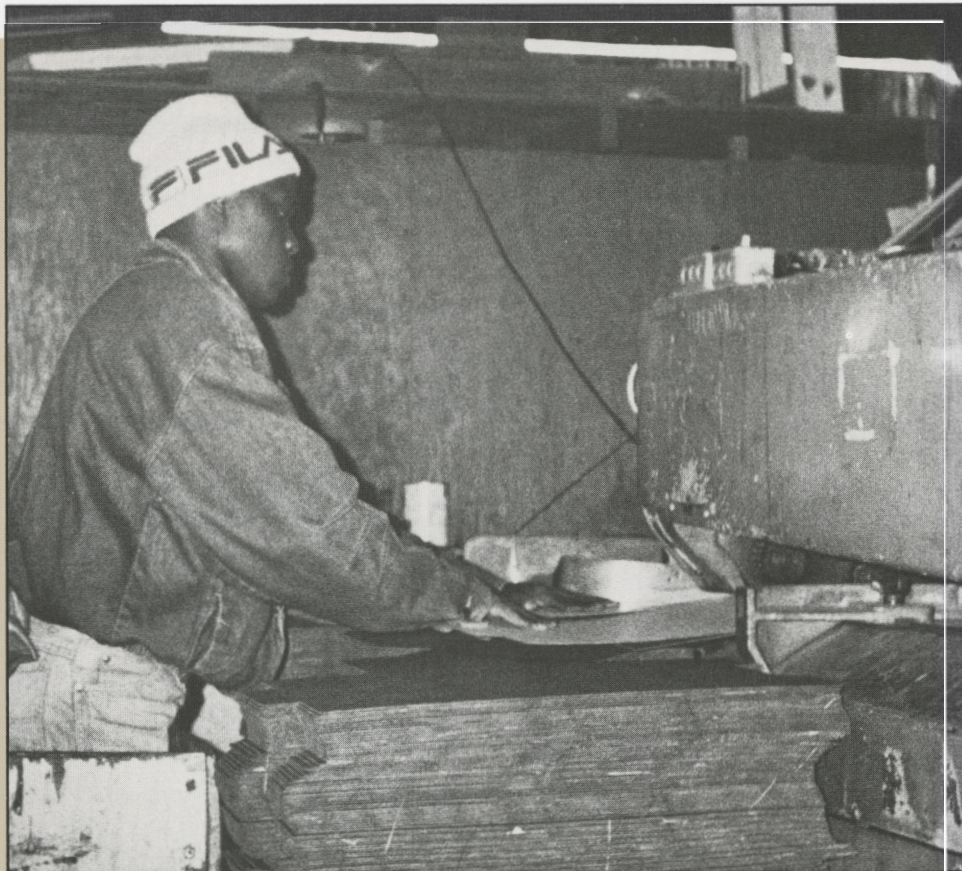


counselor in the local vocational rehabilitation area office who serves as a liaison between the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department and the school district — such a counselor handles all the district's referrals, (2) an on-site vocational rehabilitation counselor, (3) an evaluation/adjustment specialist and, (4) a work production component.

Social Security Disability Beneficiaries and Supplemental Security Income Disability Recipients

With the help of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, many Social Security disability beneficiaries and Supplemental Security income disability recipients with severe dis-

REHABILITATION SERVICES



Each center serves all disability groups and provides vocational assessment as well as personal, social and work adjustment training.

Contract work performed for business and industry provides the real work training experiences which help to develop worker traits that persons with disabilities need to succeed in competitive employment.

Youth Services

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Youth Services, provides rehabilitation services to youths with disabilities within the Youth Services Correctional Facilities.

SPECIFIC DISABILITY TARGET PROGRAMS

Palmetto Center

Palmetto Center is an inpatient treatment center in Florence for South Carolinians experiencing problems with alcohol or drugs.

The center provides the following services: group counseling; psychological assessment; medical evaluation and monitoring (24-hour nursing service); medical discussion groups with staff, films, etc.; physical fitness programs (including daily planned exercise and nutritional meals to correct diet deficiencies); vocational assessment; vocational counseling and placement; recreational therapy; evaluation of family and social relationships; family therapy; follow-up treatment groups for former residents; and training and/or consultation for professionals and paraprofessionals.

Holmesview Center

Holmesview Center, in Greenville, is also an inpatient treatment center for clients with alcohol and drug abuse problems.

It provides the same services as those listed for the Palmetto Center. However, Holmesview Center serves only male clients.

Cardiac Rehabilitation Program

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, in cooperation with the South Carolina Medical Association and the American Heart Association, South Carolina Affiliate Inc., provides specialized vocational rehabilitation services within cardiac rehabilitation programs throughout the state. At this time cardiac programs exist in 22 hospitals.





The recovering cardiac patient may find it difficult to return to the same job responsibilities he held before his treatment for cardiovascular disease. Or, his old job may not be waiting for him because his employer lacked an understanding of heart disease and the limitations the employee may experience after treatment.

The vocational rehabilitation counselor responsible for the caseload serving a cardiac program has expertise in the effects of cardiac disabilities on employment. The counselor works with the cardiac patient and helps that patient maintain job stability; identify alternative job opportunities; recognize stress factors on the job; make dietary and lifestyle changes; and even modify behaviors on the job, in recreation and in social situations.

In some cases, the client cannot return to his old job. When this happens, the counselor helps him explore new employment areas. In fact, the counselor even helps the client match his abilities and interests with available jobs.

Deaf and Hearing Impaired Program

The department administers a program for the deaf and hearing impaired which uses specially trained staff members located throughout the state.

These staff members receive extensive training in communication skills for conversing with deaf persons, as well as training in the audiological, psychological and vocational problems of the hearing impaired.

Mental Illness

The department provides vocational rehabilitation services to clients with mental illness who are referred by the Department of Mental Health's other institutional programs and community agencies and other service providers.

Mental Retardation

The department also provides services to individuals with mental retardation.

Many of these clients come from the public schools or through the Department of Mental Retardation.



COUNTY STATISTICS

Vocational Rehabilitation Department offices strategically placed across the state make vocational rehabilitation services readily available to all South Carolinians with disabilities which interfere with employment. Each of these offices offers the same services — services designed to prepare these citizens for jobs in their communities.

In addition, counselors from these offices help clients in the outlying, less densely populated areas around their offices.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department makes every effort to provide services to all eligible, working-aged citizens with disabilities.

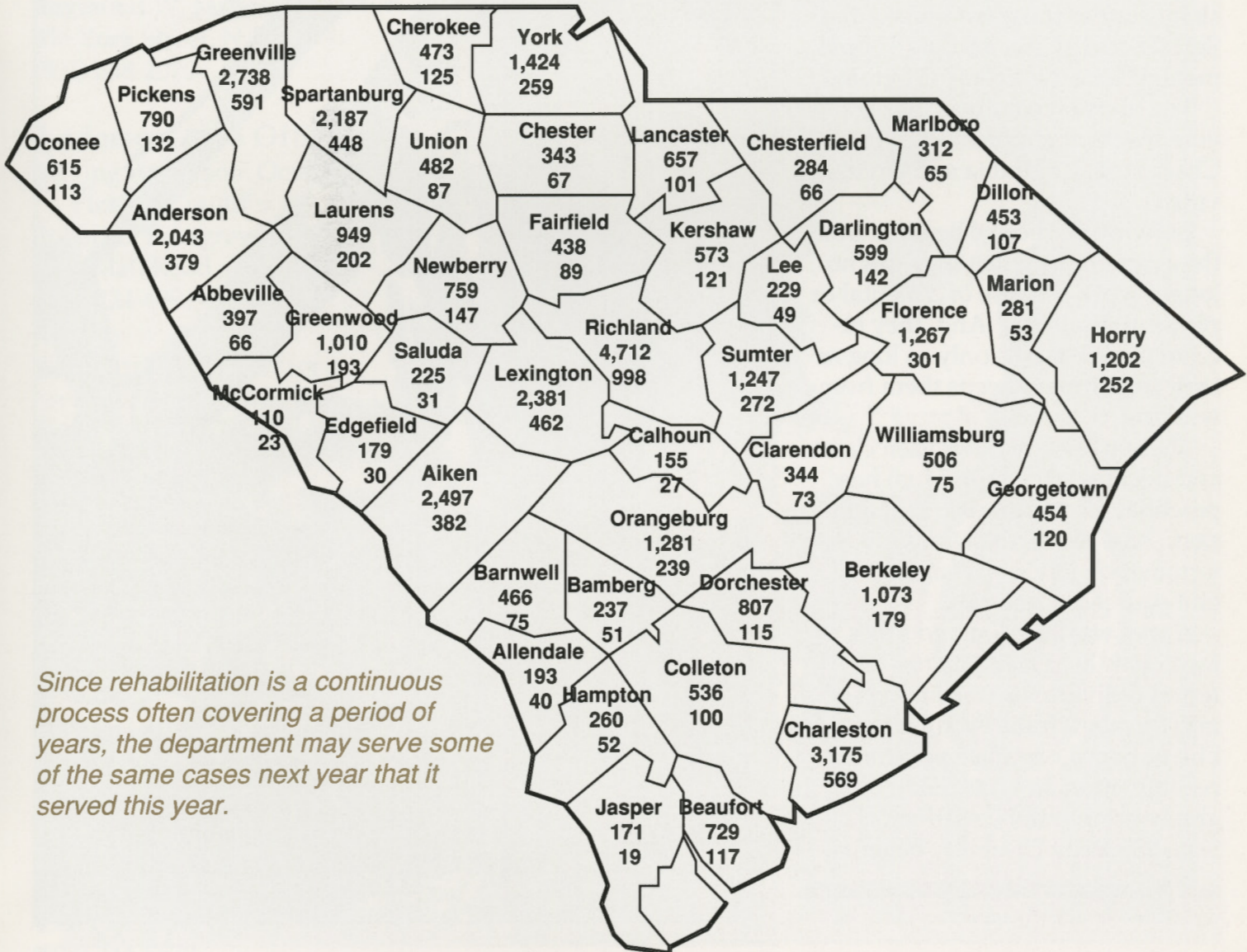
The map on the next page gives a county by county breakdown of the individuals with disabilities whom the Vocational Rehabilitation Department served and rehabilitated during fiscal year 1988-1989.

Since rehabilitation is a continuous process often covering a period of years, the department may serve some of the same cases next year that it served this year.

The department considers a client rehabilitated only when that client becomes gainfully employed.



Total cases served 42,243
Total cases rehabilitated 8,204



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Key:

In each list the county name appears first.
The number of cases served in that county appears second.
The number of cases rehabilitated in that county appears last.

DISABILITY DETERMINATION DIVISION

This division of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department processes Social Security Disability claims under the provisions of the Social Security Act and the Supplemental Security Income Program.

The division conducts these operations from regional offices in Charleston, Columbia and Greenville.

Individuals receive benefits from these programs when they can no longer work because of a mental or physical disability. And, they receive these benefits only as long as their impairment keeps them from working.

The staff also reviews each claim and decides if the individual has potential for vocational rehabilitation. As a result, the Disability Determination Division is an important source for referrals.

A trial work period and other incentives help facilitate the referred individual's transition back into the work force by allowing him or her to complete vocational rehabilitation and retraining programs prior to the cessation of Social Security Disability benefits.



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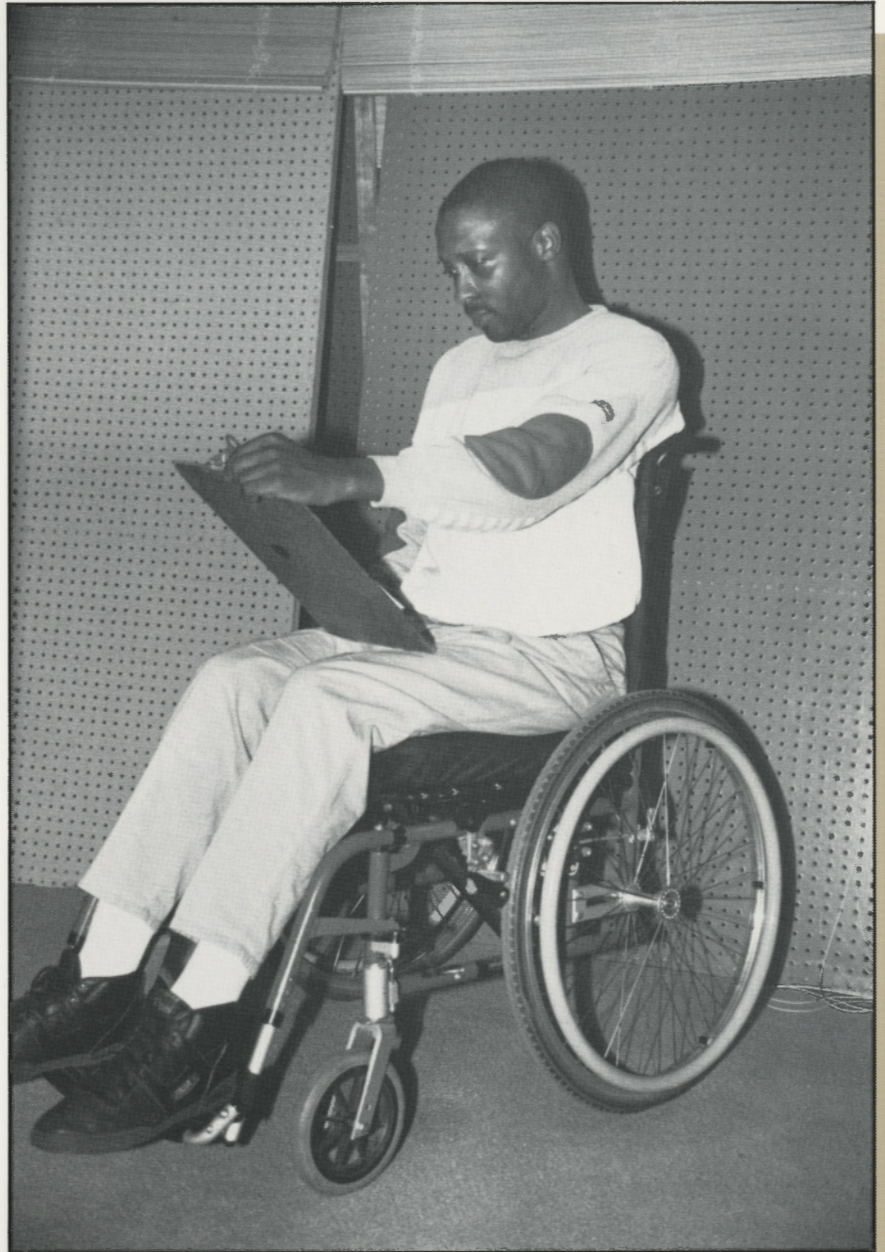
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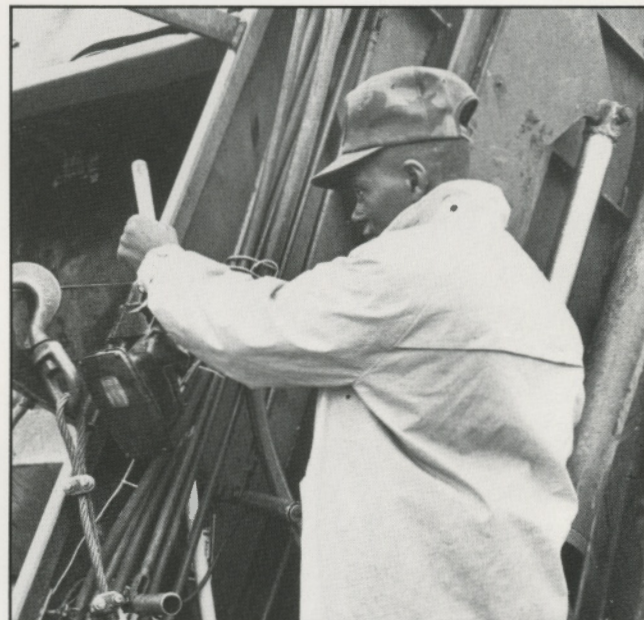
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